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“Reflecting God’s love at the heart of the community.”

***Order of Worship – August 9, 2020
10th Sunday after Pentecost***

We Gather in God’s Name

Prelude

Community Matters

Call to Worship – *Wade in the Water, No. 2107 (TFWS)*

**Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,
wade in the water, God’s a-gonna trouble the water.**

**Look over yonder, what do I see?
God’s a-gonna trouble the water.
Looks like the band that Moses led,
God’s a-gonna trouble the water.**

**Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,
wade in the water, God’s a-gonna trouble the water.**

**If you don’t believe I’ve been redeemed,
God’s a-gonna trouble the water.
Just follow me down to Jordan’s stream,
God’s a-gonna trouble the water.**

**Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,
wade in the water, God’s a-gonna trouble the water.**

Greeting

L: The Spirit of God gave the universe birth.

P: The Spirit of God delivered the world.

L: Our God is the first; our God is the last.

P: No other god declares the word of creation.

L: Yet this same God invites us, saying, “Do not be afraid!”

P: Worship the One who banishes fear, who comforts the trembling and quickens the faint! Worship the One whose creation is renewed and whose creatures are never forsaken!

We Glorify God

Opening Hymn – *Stand By Me, No. 512*

**When the storms of life are raging, stand by me;
When the storms of life are raging, stand by me.
When the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the sea,
thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me.**

**In the midst of tribulation, stand by me;
in the midst of tribulation, stand by me.
When the host of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail,
thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.**

**In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me;
in the midst of faults and failures, stand by me.
When I've done the best I can, and my friends misunderstand,
thou who knowest all about me, stand by me.**

**In the midst of persecution, stand by me;
in the midst of persecution, stand by me.
When my foes in war array undertake to stop my way,
thou who saved Paul and Silas, stand by me.**

**When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me;
When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me.
When my life becomes a burden, and I'm nearing chilly Jordan,
O thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me.**

Affirmation of Faith - *The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version, No. 881*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Children's Message

We Thank God with Our Gifts

The Offering

The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Hymn of Preparation – *Here I Am, Lord, No. 593 (chorus only)*

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

We Listen for God

Old Testament Lesson – *1 Kings 19:9-18*

Anthem – *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

New Testament Lesson – *Matthew 14:22-33*

Sermon – *Rev. Dr. Ed McKinney*

We Respond and Go Forth for God

Closing Hymn – *Precious Lord, Take My Hand, No. 474*

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:**

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

**When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

Benediction

Postlude

Rev. Dr. Ed McKinney, Pastor
Linda Curtis, Office Manager
Jeff Fink, Director of Music
Beth Kasai, Music Assistant

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LindaCurtis@StokesdaleUMC.org

Information for the week of August 9, 2020

All small groups and gatherings are suspended until further notice.

CURRENT OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, 9 am – 2 pm and Thursday, 9 am – 2 pm

If you need to contact Linda, send an email to LindaCurtis@StokesdaleUMC.org or call the church office and leave a message on the phone.

If you need to contact Pastor Ed he can be reached by email at PastorEd@StokesdaleUMC.org or his cell at 336-609-2359.

PASTOR ED IS ON VACATION

Pastor Ed will be on vacation from the afternoon of Sunday, August 9th through Sunday, August 16th. If you have a pastoral care concern during this time, please contact Tony Dowdy at 336-918-8681.

NO DRIVE-IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY

Turn in to Facebook Live or our website at 11 am on Sunday, August 16th and listen to a message from our District Superintendent, Bev Copley as she shares a message from Proverbs 3:1-8.

NEWSLETTER

There will be no August 2020 newsletter. Please watch the insert and website for upcoming events and projects.

END RACISM SIGNS

*A member of the church has purchased a number of **END RACISM SIGNS**. If you would like to know more about this go to the website www.UMC.org/EndRacism. If you would like a sign to display in your yard please see a staff member after church on Sunday. There are a limited number of signs so it's first come, first serve basis.*

PROJECT AGAPE

We will continue to accept offerings to Project Agape this week. The funds we receive will be used to help ship a container of clothing, school supplies and household items. It cost between \$6,000 and \$9,000 to ship a 40 foot container.

*The MRC has re-opened to accept volunteers to help sort and pack materials. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed. The warehouse will be open for limited hours on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays and 3rd Saturday of each month. Number of volunteers is limited to eight persons. Also, hours of operation depend on staff availability. **Anyone willing to go, please contact Mahalia and she will schedule our group.***

We can take clothing, material for sewing projects, dishes, towels, bed sheets, etc. as we go. All items must be clean and in good repair. Items, such as wool coats, need to be dry cleaned before they are packed for shipping. No used toys or used shoes can be shipped.

FOOD PANTRY

We are continuing to receive monetary funds for food pantry items.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Good Samaritan Ministries is collecting school supplies for distribution to our local schools. We will be collecting items through Monday, August 24th. Here is a list of the items needed:

24-pack crayons **Glue Sticks** **Wide-ruled notebook paper**
#2 pencils **Hand Sanitizer** **Clorox wipes (or comparable brand)**
Wide-ruled composition books (no spiral wired books)

THANK YOU FROM GWEN & RAY COMER

Gwen and Ray Comer would like to extend thanks to the choir for the meal they provided to them after Ray's fall. God's blessings to all of you!

THANK YOU FROM EVON & MITCHAEAL LAWSON

Evon and Mitchael extend thanks to the congregation and church family for all the many acts of kindness and love shown to them during Mitchael's illness with cards, food and visits. They extend love to all!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Margaret and Nick Reid on the birth of their son, Linus Nelson Reid, born Jul 25, 2020. Grandparents are Rachel and Mike Reid and Carol and Dan Nelson.



Come join local farmers and small businesses in Stokesdale UMC's front yard as we build community, support the local economy, and provide locally grown produce for your family. All COVID-19 precautions are observed. Contact Charles Southard at 336-509-7314 for more information.

TRUSTEES MEETING – Tuesday, August 11th at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

HANDBELL PRACTICE – Wednesday, August 12th at 5:45-6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

CHOIR PRACTICE – Wednesday, August 12th at 7 pm via ZOOM – Jeff will send out the invitation.

SENIOR RESOURCES DRIVE IN LUNCHESES – a note from Connie Hicks & Marsha McDaniel

Reminder. . .reserved drive-thru lunches will be available from 11 -12 noon on Thursday in the parking lot. Connie and Marsha look forward to seeing you then.

WORD & TABLE – Join us Thursday evening, August 13th at 6:15pm via Facebook Live.

GOSHEN BOOK CLUB

Next meeting time is Thursday August 20th at 7:00 pm. Remember to wear your Mask, and social distancing will be required. We will be discussing two books – “Educated, A Memoir” by Tara Westover and “This Tender Land” by William Kent Krueger. The book of the Bible we will discuss is Psalms.

SECRET PALS message from Leigh Southard . . .

Attention College Students and Parents for the 2020/2021 School Year

Below are the names of students for the upcoming year. If anyone has been left off, please let me know. If your information is the same this year as last, then email me to let me know this.

* means I have received updated information. My email is ncpenquin@aol.com

Luke Branham
Christian Kasai

Madison Belton
Payton Simmons

Sydney Branham
Madelyn Hilton

Secret Pals Needed for the 2019/2020 School Year

I'm in need of 4 Secret Pals. If you are interested please let me know as soon as you can by email at ncpenquin@aol.com or call me at 336-545-7734

Giving

During this time, please continue to support our church through giving. We currently offer four ways to give, they are as follows:

1. Give on-line by clicking the online-giving tab on our web-site. Go to www.stokesdaleumc.org and click on the “GIVE” tab. If you would like to learn more about the on-line giving option contact Pastor Ed or Linda at 336-643-4850
2. Bring your check to the church office on Monday or Thursday from 9am-2pm
3. Mail your check to Stokesdale United Methodist Church, P O Box 38, Stokesdale, NC 27357
4. Set up on-line bill pay through your bank to Stokesdale United Methodist Church.

General Budget as of August 5, 2020

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| CONTRIBUTION | \$135,846 |
| EXPENSES | \$112,359 |
| Amount Needed Year-to-Date | \$158,538 |

Land as of August 5, 2020

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| CONTRIBUTIONS | \$15,425 |
| EXPENSES | \$13,559 |

In Memory of

Donations have been received in memory of Jordan Huff by Cynthia & Tommy Huff and Lucille Friddle

A donation has been received in memory of Elizabeth Ann Shelton from David Shelton

In Honor of

A donation has been received in honor of Jane & Al Hartman from Gwen & Ray Comer

Prayer Requests – please continue to lift these individuals in prayer:

For our Shut-Ins:

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| Betty Shelton | Carole Pegram | Diane Preddy |
| Faye Case | Judy York | Leola Vaughn |
| Lucille Friddle | LuAnn Joyce | Mike Hall |
| Pat Thacker | Peggy Joyce | Ruby & Clifton Matthews |

For our Servicemen:

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| Brandon Estrada – Army | Chris Seagraves – Air Force |
| Christopher Quesenberry – Air Force | Craig Rush II – Army |
| Jay Christopher – Navy | Mike Tumlin – Army |
| Roger Rich – Army | Will Quesenberry – Marines |

Others:

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| Ann Grose | Becky Gilfillan | Becky Westmoreland |
| Betty Hawkins | Billy Hanks | Brian Landreth |
| Carmen Wilmer | Dee Mullins | Dennis Finnk |
| Elise Jones | Gene Tiesler | Jillian Jalovec |
| Jodie & Billy Smith | Jolene Shaw | Julie McCormick |
| Kathy Watson | Kaye Peoples | Kay Smith |
| Lewis Dodson | Linda I. Shields | Matt Wray |
| Mindy Brame | Opal Smith | Phyllis Greene |
| Ruth Thomas | Rylie Cole | Sandra H. Leach |
| Scott Richardson | Sharon Ozment | Shay Black |
| Steve Joyce | Ted Southern | The Tucker family |
| Vartkes Ajemian | Yorkie York | |

Lindsey Pegram family
Chuck Lyle
Gwen & Ray Comer
Pat Champa
Linda Drye family
Doris Moody
Bonnie & David Stratton
Elmer Campbell and wife
Kenneth Simpson
Karen Dolvear
Chris Griffin
COVID patients and caregivers
End to the violence and safety for all people
Local and Small Businesses
Those residing in hospitals and nursing homes
All Healthcare Workers and First Responders
Essential employees working every day
America and our Leaders
Local & Small Businesses